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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lynn Holm-Blagg et al.

Application No.: 09/298,505

Filed: April 23, 1999

For: METHOD FOR LINKING
ACCOUNTS CORRESPONDING TO
DIFFERENT PRODUCTS TOGETHER
TO CREATE A GROUP

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2002, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph in the original specification for paragraph 2 under RELATED APPLICATIONS:

B1
The U. S. patent application also relates to U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/298,417 entitled "Methods for Processing a Group of Accounts Corresponding to Different Products," filed concurrently herewith (Attorney Docket No. 06042-0150) and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/298,521 entitled "Method for Defining a Relationship Between an Account and a Group," filed concurrently herewith (Attorney Docket No. 06042-0130). The present application and the related pending applications are commonly assigned to First Data Corporation.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel pending claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-20, and 26-29 without prejudice. Please amend claim 25 and add claims 30-62. A clean copy of the claims is represented below, and a marked-up copy is found at the end of this Amendment under *Version With Markings To Show Changes Made*.

- ✓ Claim 1 previously canceled.
- ✓ Claims 2-6 canceled herein without prejudice.
- ✓ Claim 7 previously canceled.
- ✓ Claims 8-13 canceled herein without prejudice.
- ✓ Claim 14 previously canceled.
- ✓ Claims 15-20 canceled herein without prejudice.
- ✓ Claims 21-24 previously canceled.

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25. (Once Amended Herein) A method for linking a plurality of financial records to create a group, said financial records corresponding to a plurality of financial